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When I took on the task as Chairman of the Publications Committee at the Sixth Congress and the responsibility of publishing a Journal, I had a rough format in mind for the Journal, and that is what you have in your hands.

With the limited financing at present available and the need to communicate quickly with all members, I felt that a Xerexed publication, of informal organization, would best serve to accomplish the latter and fit realistically into the former condition. In circulation the Journal will be relatively small, too small to justify offset reproduction preparation -- yet of course the circulation will be of extremely high quality.

This format is, of course, an experimental one and certainly can give way to changes should the membership demand them -- though it is likely to remain in this Congressional Year Seven.

There will be no definite publication schedule, though it will be issued frequently. Its main objective will be to provide a continuing printed record of the Congress' meetings and activities.

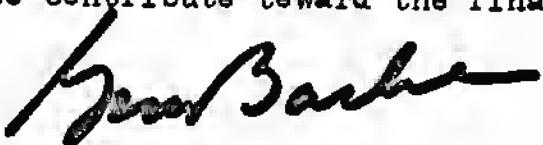
Pages will be numbered consecutively throughout the Congressional Year. We suggest that members keep these issues in a three-ring notebook binder, inserting each issue as it arrives.

THE RECORD BELONGS TO THE MEMBERSHIP and not to me as Editor. Your submissions of material will be welcomed and will be published in its entirety if at all possible. If there is any complaint about non-publication, this can be submitted to the Editor, and action is not satisfactory, then to the entire publications committee for further action.

This first issue consists mainly of newspaper coverage of the Sixth Congress, along with justification by Columbus in regard to their bid.

In our next issue we will carry the Robinson Report, by John J. Robinson, Chairman, The Robinson Committee on Ethics, Correspondence and Membership.

FINANCING: We have not yet carried out full exploration as to methods of financing this publication. This issue will be sent out to those members attending the Sixth Congress. Members later may be asked to contribute toward the financial support of the Journal.



The Charleston Gazette

Page 15* Charleston, West Virginia, Wednesday Morning, June 4, 1969

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Flood of UFO Reports in State

A mystical prophet who claims to be in communication with "the space intelligences" predicts a flood of flying saucer reports will sweep West Virginia this month.

And UFO buffs say the first one happened Saturday, when a half-dozen spectators at a Little League ball game east of Kanawha City reported seeing a strange, white, cigar-shaped object "float down" in front of a hill.

The Congress of Scientific Ufologists, a national group of flying saucer believers, will hold its sixth annual assembly June 20-21 at the Daniel Boone Hotel in Charleston.

Gray Barker of Clarksburg, a national leader, said his group expects the assembly to be accompanied by a "saucer flap"—a high concentration of sightings.

BARKER SENT this letter to all members of the congress:

"I know that paramount to our congress is a scientific attitude, and that things such as prophecies and ESP are frowned upon by most of the members. But let's face it—the amazing predictions of Ted Owens, known as 'The Philadelphia Prophet,' have a record of coming true. For example, he predicted the great eastern blackout, and the downfall of the Philadelphia Eagles, and we have to toss in the Apollo ground disaster.

"Owens claims to be in communication with what he terms 'the space intelligences' who give him his information. Most of you are aware of Owens' prediction about the sixth annual congress in Charleston. Owens predicted a saucer 'flap' of great magnitude, particularly for the Charleston area—also for a 100-mile radius around Charleston."

"Don't laugh, but the flap has begun. I now have dozens of reports from the southern part of West Virginia."

"Now I could be wrong, but I don't think so. In fact, I now join Ted Owens in predicting an enormous saucer flap both before and during the convention. Be sure to bring everything you will need to investigate these sightings while

you are in West Virginia. We will particularly need a geiger counter."

The Charleston Gazette

Page 13 Charleston, West Virginia, Tuesday Morning, May 27, 1969

Section 2

Flying Saucer Meeting Slated

The Congress of Scientific Ufologists, a federation of flying saucer buffs, will hold its sixth annual meeting here June 20-21. National coordinator Gray Barker of Clarksburg said Monday.

The congress, composed of scientific and lay people in 37 states and three foreign countries, expects to have 100 delegates at the annual session, Barker said.

Among topics to be discussed will be an evaluation of the "Condon Report," the Air Force-sponsored study conducted by the University of Colorado. It largely denied the existence of saucers.

The group also hopes to discuss computer feasibility for programming sighting information and adoption of a uniform code of ethics for member organizations.

Closed meetings will be held Friday, June 20, but the public will be invited to a meeting Saturday, June 21, at 7 p.m.



Barker

Jackson Herald

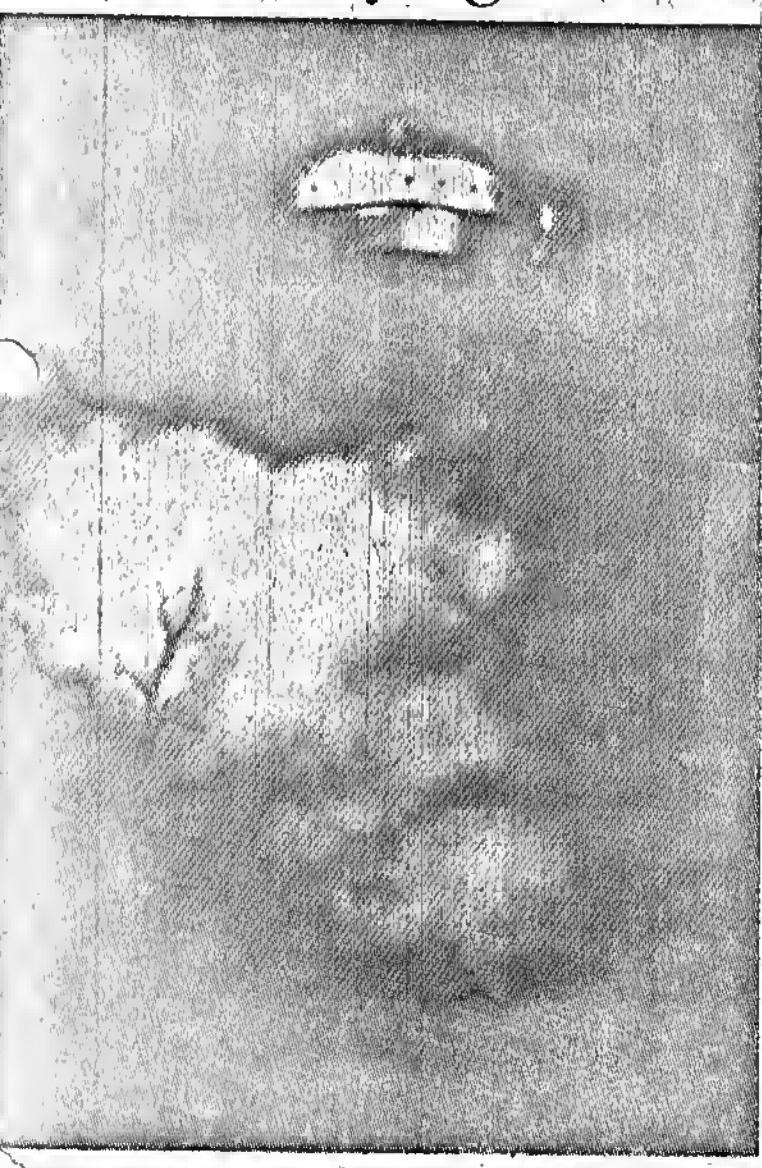
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Second Section

Friday, June 13, 1969

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W. Va. --- A Good Place To See A Flying Saucer



By GRAY BARKER
Member, Congress of Scientific Ufologists

Flying saucers are the bunk! They are hoaxes, misinterpretations of conventional aerial objects, meteorological phenomena, and as Dr. Donald Menzel, director of Harvard Observatory, once quipped, "the wrapper of somebody's lunch flying around in the air."

At least this is what Dr. Edward U. Condon, head of the University of Colorado Flying Saucer Investigative Project would like you to believe.

Yet on June 20-21 members of the Congress of Scientific Ufologists, comprised of qualified scientists and lay people from all over the nation, will meet in Charleston at the Daniel Boone Hotel, to discuss the hundreds of "saucer" sightings that are still occurring,

despite the explanations of Dr. Condon and the U. S. Air Force.

One of them, James W. Moseley, will sketch the history of UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects) — the official name for "flying saucers" — during a public meeting at the Charleston Civic Center on the evening of June 21, to which the public will be invited. Moseley

will tell how an Idaho businessman first made the public aware of the mystery.

On June 20, 1947, Kenneth Arnold, a Boise resident who sold industrial fire fighting equipment was in his private plane over Mt Rainier, Washington, when he was amazed to spot nine strange, gleaming, dish-shaped objects skimming under him at fantastic speeds — far in excess of the possible by ordinary aircraft or

that time, or even the fast jets today. When he landed in Seattle he told the press the objects look like "sanders," and in screaming headlines the term, "Flying Saucers," was born.

Not was Arnold the only pilot involved with strange flying objects. In May, 1948, Captain Thomas Mantell, leading a group of F-51 fighter planes, received an order from the Godman Air Force Base tower to intercept an unidentified flying object, described by hundreds of Fort Knox, Ky. residents as looking like "a huge ice cream cone." Mantell and the other airmen zoomed in over the base. He was the only pilot to spot the thing through the cloud cover.

"It looks metallic," he radioed the tower, "and it's tremendous in size. It's raining on me. I'll go up to 5,000 feet and abandon chase if I haven't intercepted it."

That was the last heard from Captain Thomas Mantell. Minutes later, wreckage of this exploded plane was found scattered over miles of countryside.

Public pressure demanded an explanation, and the Air Force came up with a good one: Captain Mantell was chasing the Planet Venus, and probably blacked out from lack of oxygen when he went too high.

Any member of the Congress will point out that although Venus can sometimes be seen in daytime as a bright pinpoint of light, astronomical records show that the planet was not visible at that hour on that date.

Another Ufologist who will attend the scientific sessions close to the public, but who may speak at the public meeting, is Ivan T. Sanderson, eminent biologist author of many books on the flora and fauna of the American continent, and who, during World War II, directed many intelligence operations for the British government.

Herald.

The above story appeared not only in the Jackson Herald, Ripley, W. Va., but in a number of W. Va. daily and weekly newspapers. This was the "Canned" handout given and mailed to many state papers. No method was available to check on the actual run.

He is no stranger to West Virginia. In September, 1952, he carried out an investigation in Flatwoods, W. Va., on behalf of a New York technical society.

"I went to Flatwoods to expose what seemed to be an obvious

hoax," he recently told me in his fading British accent which has taken on the clipped staccato of New York City, his present residence. "But I came away from there convinced that the seven witnesses saw something real — possibly something from outer space."

He was referring to the "Flatwoods Monster," which most every West Virginian over 30 remembers. On Sept. 12, 1952, widespread aerial phenomena, described mainly as meteors or brilliant lights, were seen over this and five neighboring states. At Flatwoods six school children, playing at the neighborhood elementary school, saw one of the lights land on a hilltop and enlisted the aid of Mrs. Kathleen May, a beautician, to accompany them to investigate what they felt was the crash of a meteorite.

When they reached the crest of the small hill, they were almost overcome by a strange gas before they saw what they described as "A Frankenstein Monster," which seemed to float toward them. It was about 15 ft. tall, had a red face with greenish eyes, from which rays of light projected. Though the "monster" now is almost a part of the state's folklore, and many laugh at the story, biologist Sanderson still takes it very seriously.

"I believe it was a being in a space suit, or a robot, from an advanced civilization — possibly from some other star system," he told me during our joint investigation back in 1952. "I believe it made an emergency landing and dissolved and vanished because it was not adapted to the conditions of our gravity and atmosphere."

Sanderson represents but one of the Ufologists (a term describing those who investigate Unidentified Flying Objects) in the nationwide organization more than a hundred delegates, representing 37 states, Canada and two foreign countries, are expected to attend the saucer conclave.

One of the most exciting moments of the private sessions will come when the report on the activities of the so-called "men in black" is given by a special com-

mittee. The Congress will decide whether reports of mysterious visitors who allegedly swear flying saucer witnesses to silence are fact or fiction. Photographic evidence and many written reports will be examined.

The Ufological Congress, however, does not claim it will solve the "saucer mystery" at this or any one annual meeting. "The UFOs represent a vast mystery much more complex than a simple outer space theory," states delegate John Keel, who gave up a prominent movie and TV writing career to investigate saucers full-time. "It may be that they are what I call environmental — in other words native to the Earth itself!"

Despite the conclusions of the Congress at this year's meeting, one important consideration remains: FLYING SAUCERS ARE NOTHING NEW, and are not the exclusive property of the Twentieth Century.

Although West Virginia is considered by Ufologists to be a good place to see a flying saucer this year (sightings in the state are more numerous per capita than in any other state), it has had its share of historical sightings. Consider this report by Charles Fort, who wrote several books about unexplained phenomena:

"New York Herald, April 20, 1897. At Sistersville, W. Va., upon the 19th, about 9 p.m., a luminous object approached the town from the northwest, flashing brilliant red, white, and green lights. An examination with strong glasses left an impression of a huge cone-shaped arrangement 180 feet long, with large fins on either side."

At that date, the modern airship was not yet invented. What did the residents of Sistersville see on that strange night near the end of the 19th century? What did people of Flatwoods, W. Va., see in 1952. And what are people all over West Virginia seeing almost every day? The Congress of Scientific Ufologists hopes to come up with some answers.

The sessions are as follows:

Date for the Sixth Annual Congress: Friday-Saturday, June 20-21.

Place: Closed Sessions (not open to the public) Friday, June 20, at the Daniel Boone Hotel.

Open Sessions (open to the public): Charleston Civic Center, Saturday Evening, June 21, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, June 20

The CLOSED SESSION (open only to members and member organizations of the Congress or approved affiliates) will be in Parlor B of the Daniel Boone Hotel. 11:00 a.m.—Registration Parlor

B; 12:00 noon—Lunch; 1:00 p.m.—Closed Session; 3:00 p.m.—Coffee Break; 3:30 p.m.—Closed Session; 5:30 p.m.—Dinner; 7:00 p.m. Closed Session.

Saturday, June 21

The OPEN PUBLIC SESSION will be in the new Charleston Civic Center Little Theater which seats 760.

5:30 p.m.—Doors open to exhibitors, 6:30 p.m.—Doors open to public; 7:30 p.m.—Open Session; 8:30 p.m.—Intermission; 8:45 p.m.—Open Session; 9:45 p.m.—Session ends.

West Virginia Hillbilly From West Virginia Calendar June 21, 1969:

June 20-22: Charleston, Congress of Scientific Ufologists' National Convention, Daniel Boone Hotel.

This Week in Charleston Week of June 16 - June 22:

Saturday, June 21

BRIDGE: Bld and Maid Club, home of Mrs. Harry Welsch, 901 Wilke Drive, 346-3880, 7:30 p.m., public invited.

ICE SKATING: Charleston Civic Center Ice Arena, 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

LECTURE: West Virginia State College on the Air, 10:30 a.m., WKLC Radio.

PLANETARIUM: "The Summer Sky," 2:30 p.m., Sunrise, Myrtle Road.

RACING: Late Model Grand Stocks, 100 laps, International Raceway Park, Ona, West Virginia, 8:30 p.m.

UFOLOGY LECTURE: Slides of Flying Saucer photographs, flea market for Flying Saucer literature. Doors open 6:30 p.m.; program 7:30 p.m. Charleston Civic Center Theatre. Admission \$1.50.

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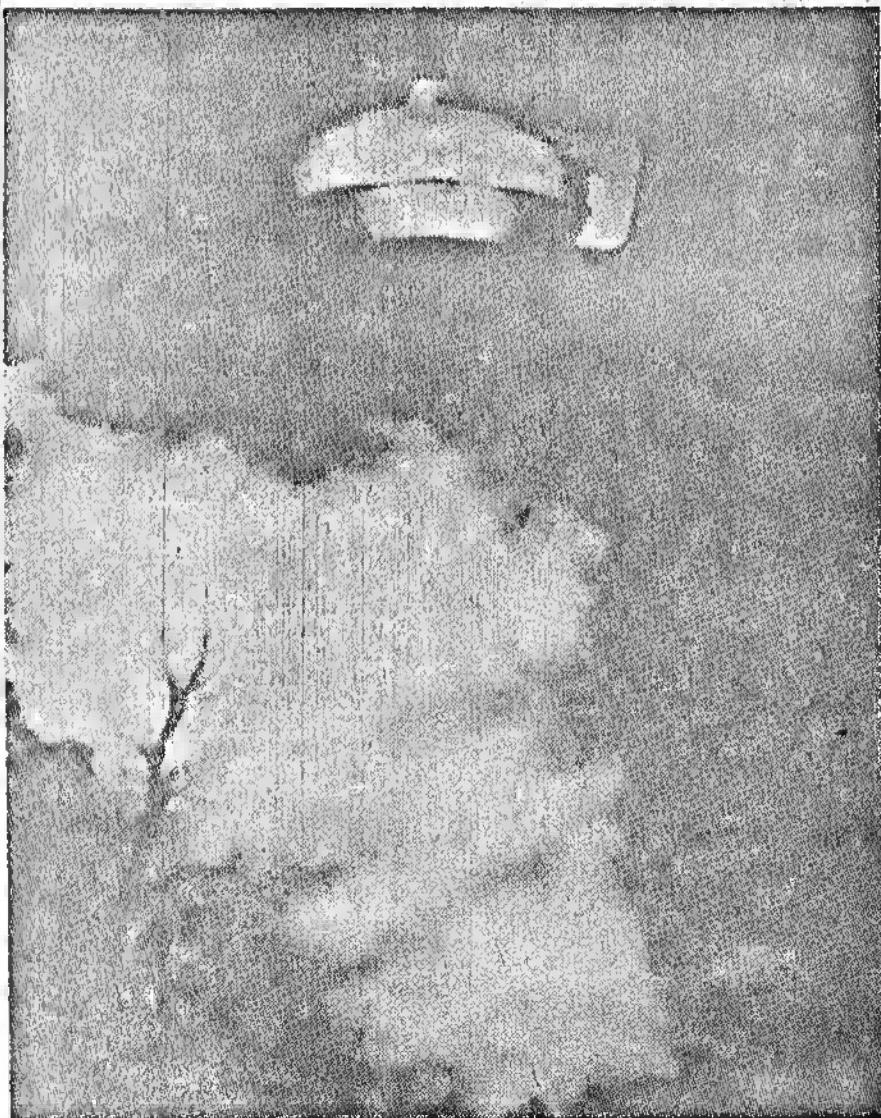
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Section 2

Saucers, Seer--Maybe Some Angels

By James A. Haught

Staff Writer



THIS PHOTOGRAPH looks rather fake — but some flying saucer believers aren't sure. It will be among items to be studied when the Congress of Scientific Ufologists holds a national as-

sembly in Charleston next week. Leader Gray Barker of Clarksburg claims this is a copy of a color transparency found in 1953 in the discard bin of a California photography laboratory that did work for the Air Force.

When Charleston becomes the temporary flying saucer capital of the world next week, related topics of attention may be "mothman," and a seer who says he communicates with "the space intelligences," and perhaps even two Mason Countians who believe they are angels.

About 75 UFO believers from all over the U.S. are expected to attend the sixth annual Congress of Scientific Ufologists June 20 and 21 in Charleston.

Most of the sessions will be held in privacy at the Daniel Boone Hotel, but a public meeting will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. June 21 in the Civic Center Little Theater.

ORGANIZERS OF THE congress point out that Theodore Owens of Philadelphia, a self-proclaimed mystical prophet who claims to be in contact with "the space intelligences," has predicted a great wave of flying saucer sightings will sweep the Charleston area before and during the congress.

J. Ralph Jarrett of St. Albans, a Carbide engineer and president of the UFO Investigators society here, is to make two preliminary speeches about the congress. He is to appear before the National Management Assn. at the American Viscose plant in Nitro Thursday, and the Charleston Lions Club at noon June 19.

Gray Barker of Clarksburg, editor of a national flying saucer bulletin and author of two flying saucer books, is chief organizer of the congress. He said Charleston was chosen as a meeting place because "West Virginia is such a good place to see flying saucers."

AS EVIDENCE of UFO paydirt in the Mountain State, Barker cited several mysterious sightings here. He has gathered data on the sightings for a new book, and listed these examples:

►Tad Jones, formerly of Dunbar, operator of an appliance store at Cross Lanes, said he saw a strange, spherical craft on I-64 near Cross Lanes the night

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of Jan. 19, 1967, Jones said the object was about 20 feet across, hovered above the pavement, then shot into the sky.

Barker said another driver—a Bancroft, Putnam County, man who doesn't want his name revealed—also saw the object the same night. He said the Bancroft man claims he was "buzzed by a water tank," a glowing cylinder that sped along I-64 and spurted over his truck.

► Woodrow Derenberger, formerly of Parkersburg, said that on the night of Nov. 2, 1966, a "dark hulk" descended in front of his van truck on I-77 near Parkersburg and forced him to stop. As the gray metallic object hovered over the pavement, he said, a man emerged from a door in it, walked to Derenberger's car and "talked" to him by extrasensory perception. The stranger said his name was "Cold" and that he came from "a country much less powerful than yours," Derenberger claimed. After the wordless chat, the visitor re-entered his craft and rose into the sky, he said.

► Another unidentified flying object listed in Barker's West Virginia tabulation is "mothman," a mysterious bird reported in various parts of the state for several years.

He says a Point Pleasant woman told him she first saw the creature on W.Va. 2 in 1961, describing it as man-sized and with "a set of huge wings that filled the entire width of the road." Also, she said, a bird-like thing "bumped" on the roof of her house and emitted "high-pitched beeping sounds" somewhat like electronic noises.

► The weirdest report in Barker's West Virginia list, however, concerns a Mason County man and wife who believe they are angels. He said they claim to be "in close contact with myriads of God's angels" and have been themselves turned into angels. Barker said they have built a jewelry-covered "scepter" with which they claim they can transmit signals to "between 5,000 and 7,000 angels" and keep them informed of earthly happenings.

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INTERCEPTED MESSAGE

June 10, 1969

Dear Ralph:
Welcome! And watch out for chimneys and TV aerials.

Yours,

George

J. R. Jarrett,
Saucerian,
St. Albans, W. Va.
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LOOKING SKYWARD is a national flying saucer lecturer who arrived in Charleston Wednesday for the nationwide Sixth Annual Congress of Scientific Ufologists, to be held Friday and Saturday at the Daniel Boone Hotel. James

W. Moseley of New York City is to speak today at the weekly luncheon of the Charleston Lions Club. He is holding a saucer trophy to be presented to an outstanding UFO believer during the weekend congress.
(Staff Photo by Ferrell Friend)

TOP LECTURE DUE AWARD

Ufologists To Meet Friday

By CHARLIE CONNOR
Of The Daily Mail Staff

On the evening of Feb. 19 of this year, while traveling from Neolo to Alvon in Greenbrier County, Mrs. Helen Scott, a U.S. mail carrier, became aware of an object flying at a high altitude above her car.

A few minutes later, at a wide place on the country road, she said the object streaked down out of the sky, flew alongside her car at near ground level, paused a few moments and then zipped across a large field in the direction of Little Creek. Several unidentified flying objects had been reported in that area earlier during the month.

Mrs. Scott said the object was 18 to 20 feet in diameter, shaped "like two soup bowls" put together, with a raised portion on top. A row of yellow-orange lights completely around the perimeter brightened and dimmed simultaneously.

"A pulsating red light on the top and a blue light on the bottom seemed to rotate in opposite directions," she said.

SON FRIGHTENED

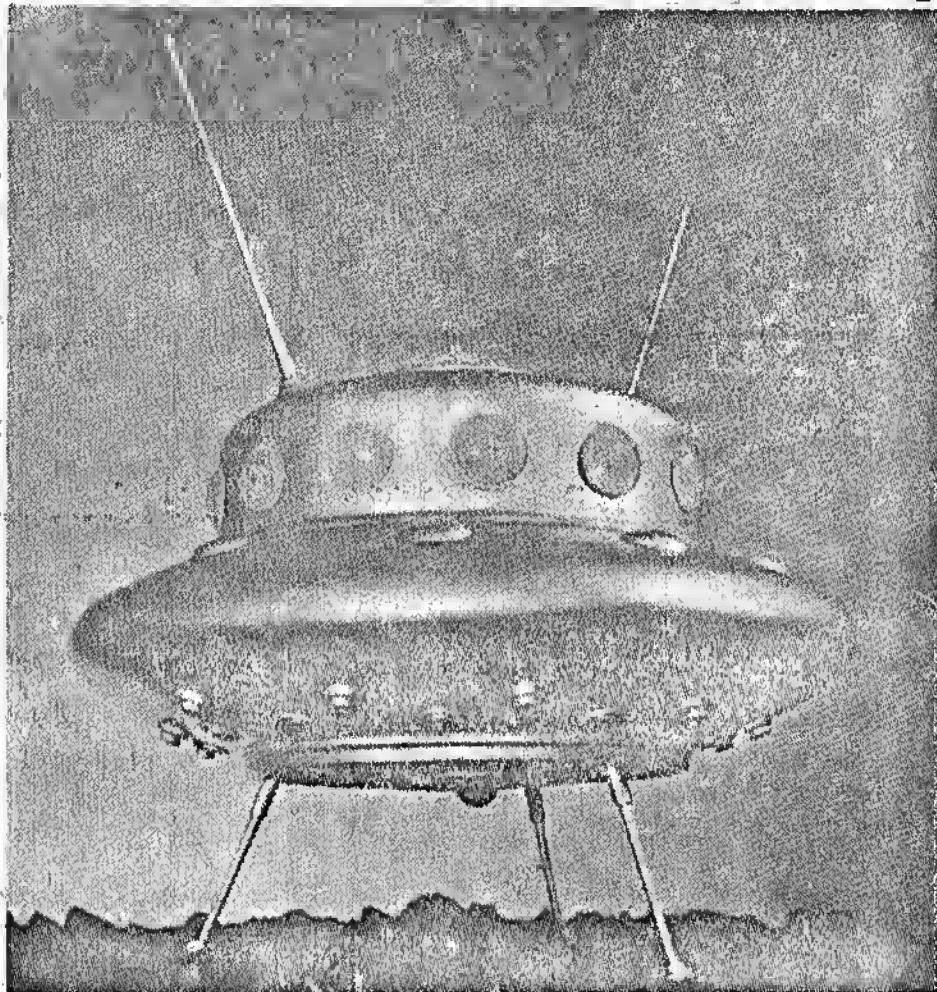
She said she heard no sound because her 8-year-old son, who was with her at the time, as well as her 10-year-old daughter, became frightened by the eerie appearance of the object and began screaming.

Based on her description of the object, Andre Hooper, a UFO investigator and a professional model builder for Union Carbide Corp., created a model "saucer" out of plastic. He put more than 50 hours into the project. His trophy will be on display this weekend at the Civic Center Theater.

The Congress of Scientific Ufologists will hold its sixth annual convention in Charleston this weekend. A Friday session, attracting the top names in flying saucer investigations, will be held at the Daniel Boone Hotel. It will be closed to the public.

However, a Saturday session, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center, will be open to the public. Hooper's "saucer" will be awarded to a UFO investigator who presents the most outstanding lecture at the public session.

President of UFO Investigators, the local sponsoring group,



HAS THIS SAUCER BEEN FLYING OVER WEST VIRGINIA?
Greenbrier Woman Said She Saw It This Year

Daily Mail Photo by Tom Hodges



J. RALPH JARRETT

Saucer See-er

is J. Ralph Jarrett of St. Albans, a mechanical engineer for Carbide who became a flying saucer believer in December of 1966. He saw one then, he claims, near his home at Riverlake Estates.

Jarrett put in Charleston's bid for the convention last April at Cleveland, Ohio, with the help of Gray Barker of Clarksburg, author of "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers."

PROMINENT RESEARCHERS

Among prominent researchers who will speak here Saturday night are:

Edward M. Blechel of the Cleveland Aerial Phenomena Investigations Club, who will show his slide collection of

flying saucers and speak on the "History of UFOs."

And Timothy Green Beckley of New Brunswick, N.J., author of several books on flying saucers who also will show his collection of slides, photographs and movies.

Doors at the Civic Center Theater will open Saturday at 6 p.m. for a flea market. Magazines, books and other publications concerning UFOs will be on display at that time.

Admission to the flying saucer show will be \$1.50 at the door.

Biblical Reference To Saucers Noted

Today's flying saucers have on flying saucers. a biblical reference in the First Chapter of Ezekiel, a flying saucer lecturer from New York said here Thursday.

"If you read the Bible at all you know that the Bible talks about the wheel in a wheel," James W. Moseley told members of the Charleston Lions Club in the Daniel Boone Hotel.

He referred to the complex vision described by Ezekiel the Prophet. "Many people get this impression from the Bible," Moseley said of unidentified flying objects or UFO sightings.

"It is possible that some of the things that appear to be miracles in the Bible are actual visitations from the planets," he added.

There are UFO reports from the 10th century to the present time, he said. These reports originated in various parts of the world and are forerunners of a growing body of literature

"Animals are apparently more sensitive to an UFO than human beings are," Moseley said, referring to an 1879 report by a Kansas farmer.

WHEN SIGHTINGS are reported in waves, they are known as "flaps" in the language of ufologists and UFO students, he said. "There were about 1,500 sightings by the Air Force during one month in 1962," he observed.

Interest grew in flying saucers in the United States when a cluster of unidentified objects was reported in Hillsdale, Mich., in 1966, Moseley said. "The Air Force investigated these reports," he recalled. "People got more excited then than ever about flying saucers."

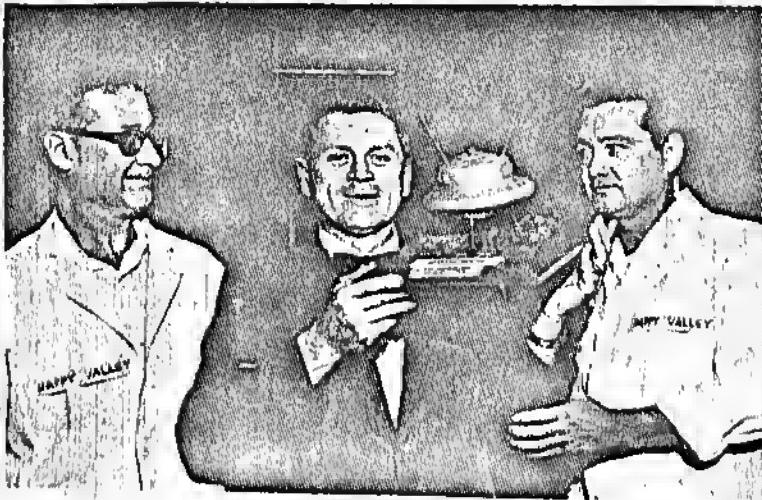
Many ufologists believe that the federal government should resume the study project on flying saucers, he said.

Moseley will be among speakers at the weekend convention of the nationwide Congress of Scientific Ufologists which opens today in the Daniel Boone Hotel.

The session today is closed to the public, but a 7:30 p.m. program Saturday will be open to the public at the Charleston Civic Center, said, J. Ralph Jarrett of St. Albans, president of the congress. Advance tickets for the show sell for \$1.25, he said.

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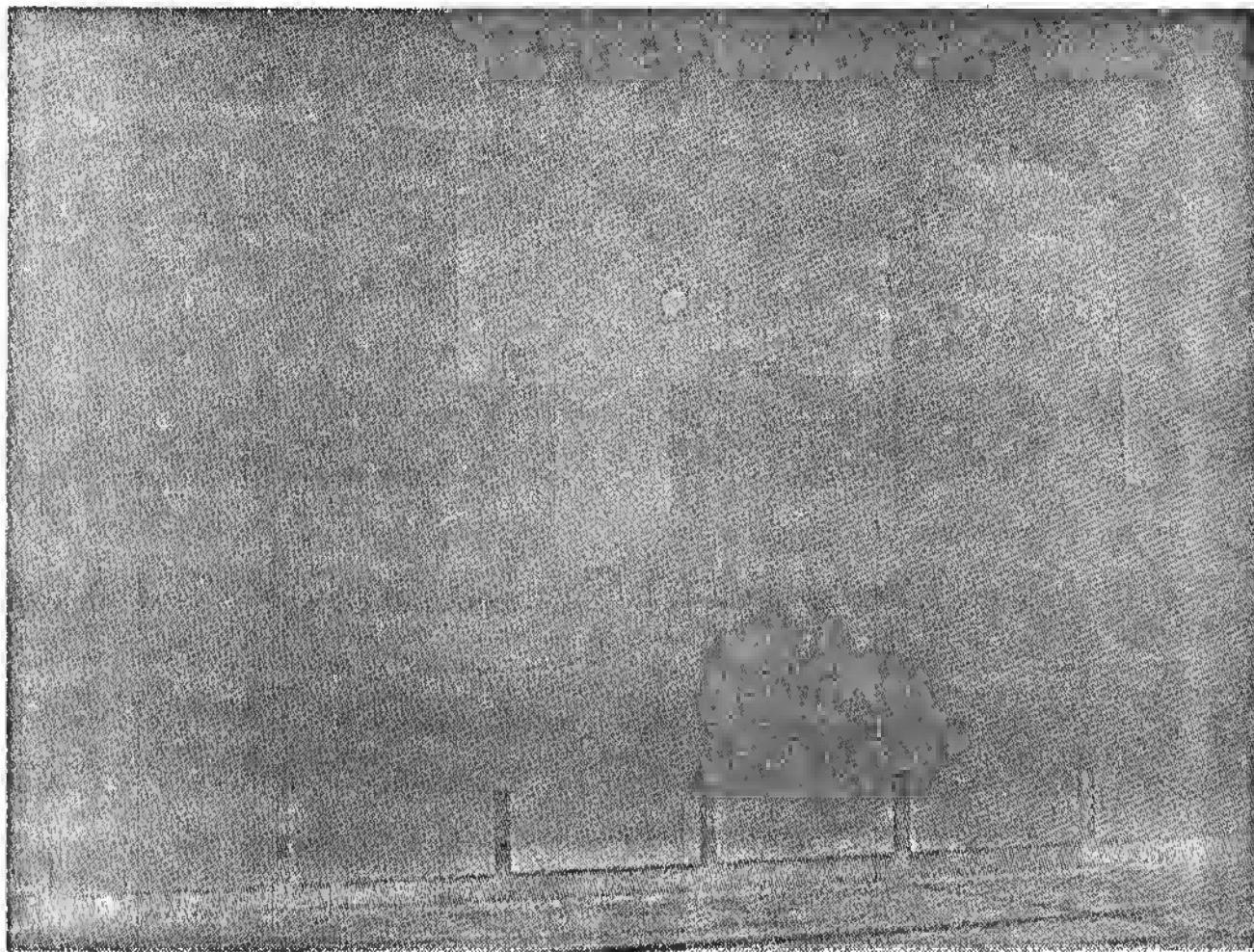
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FLYING SAUCER SEEN In Engineering Building...Ralph Jarrett, President of UFO Investigators, proudly displays a model of a saucer built by Andre Haaper. The award will be given this Saturday night at the Civic Center Theater to the person who presents the most outstanding lecture on UFOs. Ralph, a firm believer in saucers since seeing one back in 1966 near his home at Riverlake Estates, says that prominent researchers will speak at the convention Saturday night. Tickets may be purchased at McClung & Morgans in South Charleston or at the door. A couple of co-workers that think Ralph should spend some time at a quiet rest home are (left) Andre Hooper and (right) Lou Spradling of Engineering.

"COLOR RADIO" -- I think we could call it that -- and Edward M. Bleibel, Rick R. Hilberg and Allen H. Greenfield appeared on it. They were guests on the WCHS, Charleston, radio show, "Ask The Expert" MC'd by Al Sayley. A newsman from companion station WCHS-TV made color film of part of the radio interview and this was broadcast on the 6:00 P.M. TV news program. I know this is a little confusing, but aren't we all? — G.B.

THIS IS NOT A FLYING SAUCER!



No, members of the Congress of Scientific Ufologists, this is not—repeat, not—a flying saucer over Charleston. Rising serenely above the Security Building on Capitol Street, snuggled in between Charleston National Plaza's tower and Kanawha Banking and Trust Co. on the left, and the Union Building on the right, it is the sun. Yes, the sun. It

came up in an orange blaze of glory today and quickly dispelled fog which lay heavy on the landscape at 6:45 a.m. when Daily Mail Photographer Chet Hawes took this picture. About 100 delegates to a national convention of flying saucer buffs are in the city today. (See story on Page 6)

We're certain that we do not have all of the newspaper coverage of the Sixth Congress reprinted in this issue of the Journal -- although we feel certain that we have about 98% of it. We urge members to send any additional coverage that they have to us for inclusion in the next Journal. Material will be Xerexed and returned promptly.

'SEEING'S BELIEVING'

Capital Of UFO Sightings Natural For UFO Meeting

By Charlie Connor
of The Daily Mail Staff

Why Charleston? Why should the capital city of West Virginia be the national capital this weekend of "flying saucer" fans?

The answer is simple, says J. Ralph Jarrett of St. Albans, president of the local sponsors, UFO Investigators.

"Seeing is believing, and more people in West Virginia have seen unidentified flying objects than people in any other state," he said.

He may be right. We may be at the bottom of a lot of other activities, but we're up among the top in UFO sightings. When the unknown beings from outer space decide to colonize Earth, there is no doubt they'll settle among the hills and valleys of West Virginia where they've had such a receptive audience in the past.

A check of the Daily Mail's files shows that, particularly since 1966, Charleston-area residents have regularly reported saucer sightings. The most descriptive came from Tad Jones, formerly of Dunbar, who operated Moore's Appliance Store at Cross Lanes.

On a January morning in 1967, he said he was en route to work when he saw something blocking the two westbound lanes of I-64 a mile from the Institute interchange.

Jones, a man who enjoyed a good reputation of soberness and truthfulness, said he drove his truck to within 10 feet of a "dull aluminum sphere which hovered about four feet above the ground."

The 38-year-old father of two said the strange, ball-like object was 20 to 25 feet in diameter, had two antennae protruding from the top, four legs, and a propeller located at the bottom. He said it was rotating slowly when he stopped his truck.

Jones said he did not leave his vehicle, watched the propeller start spinning, and that then the object rose swiftly, without noise, odor, exhaust or any

sense of heat, and disappeared skyward like "it had been shot out of a gun."

Jones, two years older and perhaps wiser, now lives on a seven-acre farm at Peterstown, W. Va., and operates a store across the Virginia line. Is he still sticking by his story?

"I believe what I saw. It was there. I never saw anything like it before, and I haven't seen anything like it since, but it was there that morning on I-64," he said.

Other incidents reported in the Charleston press are frequent and almost as convincing.

Some of them:

July 7, 1966—State Police Cpl. A. R. Bruce said he was convinced three Clendenin youths saw a UFO on Bomont Road seven miles of Clendenin. Victor Camp, 18, John Parker, 18, and John McVay, 16, reported the incident to police, saying it came so close that their car engine and radio quit, and they jumped out of the car and scattered.

January, 1967 — Six sightings in the River Lake Estates area of St. Albans, three reported by Jarrett, a mechanical engineer at Carbide. He said they made a believer of him.

March 4, 1967—Night supervisor Adam Rohrig of the FAA control tower at Kanawha Airport reported that controllers there saw a formation of three lights crossing from southwest to northeast. "They seemed slower than meteors but faster than jets," he reported. Many Ohio and West Virginia residents reported the sightings.

March 16, 1968 — Mrs. Ottie Campbell of Putnam County reported a UFO in the Bill's Creek Road area.

June 5, 1968—Dr. John Herlihy of 1540 Bedford Road observed a "peculiar" object from his porch, the same night that Charles O'Dell, 37, and Shirley Shelton, 32, both of Summersville, said a UFO flew parallel to them along U.S. 60 near Shrewsbury.

Jan. 6, 1969—Air traffic controllers Paul Anderson and Ted Curtis of the Mercer County Airport said they witnessed a mysterious, pear-shaped object over Bluefield several nights.

And so it's goes. The last report came in March 17 when two couples reported seeing a saucer on Fink Mountain near Ruth.

The two-year, \$500,000 Condon report, commissioned by the Air Force and conducted by University of Colorado scientists, was released earlier this year. It found "no direct evidence whatever of a convincing nature for the claim that any UFOs represent spacecraft visiting Earth from another civilization."

Among other things, the sixth annual Congress of Scientific Ufologists meeting here today and tomorrow will discuss the Condon report. Sessions today will be limited to members behind closed doors. A public session will be held Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center's Little Theater.

The Condon report said the Air Force had investigated 12,097 sightings but found that only 697 remain unidentified.

Local saucer see-ers probably saw the 697.

As Jarrett says, "seeing's believing."

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Dear Ralph:

Has the UFO-sighting rate in West Virginia risen since passage of the liquor club law?

Yours,

George

R. Fannig,
Saucerer's Apprentice,
City

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WHEN THEY SAY "little green men," they really mean little... Actually, this isn't an interplanetary craft manned by eeny-teeny spacemen. It's a model of a much-larger UFO which a Greenbrier County mail carrier, Mrs. Helen Scott, says she saw Feb. 19. Ex-

amining the model at a national UFO believers convention in Charleston are (from left) Mrs. Mary Robinson of Jersey City, N. J., Mr. and Mrs. J. Ralph Jarrett of St. Albans, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fannig of Celina, Ohio. (Staff Photo by Frank Wilkin)

'Kooks' Blamed in Creating Bad Image for Ufologists

By Michael Gerrard

Staff Writer

The National Congress of Scientific Ufologists opened its sixth annual convention in Charleston Friday with a flurry of resolutions, commendations, condemnations and reports.

About 50 ufologists (those who study unidentified flying objects) gathered in the Daniel Boone Hotel for a closed session. One of their first acts was to pass a formally worded resolution complaining that the hotel promised air conditioning to visiting delegates, and then didn't deliver.

"We've got an awful lot of kooks around, making all sorts of crazy statements," said Ralph Fannig of Celina, Ohio. "I am trying to get the facts behind it. If we are being visited by beings from outer space, the sooner we get down and start talking to them the better. "We've got a bad image," another member said. "People don't understand that we're trying to work out the answers to the enigma with which we've been presented."

The way ufologists hope to bly would be given a high solve the enigma of flying saucers and related objects is strangeness rating was made through constant observation and publication of what they see. The editors of no less than a dozen UFO newsletters were present at Friday's session, and claimed that he could identify several "humanoid and ape-like figures"—varying in height from one-quarter inch to one inch—on the fist-sized rock. He also said the stone formed two saucer-shaped sections.

In an effort to rate UFO sightings, the convention adopted a system, called "Sigma C," developed by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, director of Northwestern University's observatory.

Ufologist Edward M. Blebel of Case Western Reserve University explained the system. Three men—preferably sociologists or psychologists—rate the credibility of each witness to the saucer, assigning it a number from one to five. Then, three physical scientists rate the sighting for its "strangeness." These two numbers are plotted on a graph, and the value of the sighting is determined.

ONE REPORT which proba-

John Blocher of Canton, Ohio, said, "A lot of people think we are contactee-oriented, but we're really not."

Contactee-oriented? "A contactee is someone who believes he has been contacted by benevolent beings from other planets," Blocher said. Few contactees are involved with the congress, though many delegates indicated they would like to talk with the "little green men."

But the beings we may run across aren't necessarily little and green, Blocher explained, and they won't necessarily be driving saucers. Ufologists don't rule out any possibilities, he said, but they also don't accept all reports at face value.

Most delegates seemed convinced that something is going on up there—but they aren't sure quite what it is. "The evidence is such that you can't deny that there is a heck of a lot of activity going on," Fannig said, and he added that "many reliable people" have made UFO sightings.

Charleston residents will have opportunity to attend a public saucer program at 7 p.m. today in the Civic Center Little Theater.

Many at the convention remained unconvinced, however, when they examined the rock and had difficulty finding the half-inch humanoids.

Another member reported that someone had donated a large tract of land in Thailand for the construction of an institute to study aerial phenomena—sort of a UFO U.

The saucer-seekers feel they are misunderstood by many,



—Staff Photo

PRETTY UFO BELIEVER WITH BRAXTON COUNTY MONSTER REPLICAS
At Convention Here Is Barbara Hudson of New York, Dubbed "Miss UFO" by Friends

WATCH OUT!

Aliens, Using Moon as Base, Will Prevent Lunar Colonization, Ufologists Warn U.S.

By Michael Gerrard

Alien beings, using the moon as a flying saucer base, are warning us to watch our step in space. If we try to colonize the moon, these outer space intelligences will stop us.

That's the opinion of two leading members of the Congress of Scientific Ufologists, which completed its sixth annual convention Saturday night with a "Flying Saucer Show" at the Charleston Civic Center.

Curious Charlestouians filled the Little Theater to listen to talks on Unidentified Flying Objects and the techniques of ufology, to see films and slides of mysterious UFOs, and to hear guarded warnings of what will happen to us if we don't watch out.

"If we land on the moon, there will be repercussions on earth—earthquakes, power failures," Timothy Green Beckley, president of the Interplanetary News Service of New Brunswick, N.J., said earlier in the day at the Daniel Boone hotel.

Beckley said he has been in touch with several "contactees," people who claim to have carried on communication with alien life. These contactees have kept him informed of the activities of their extraterrestrial friends, he said:

"Whatever they are, these beings are more highly advanced than we are," Beckley noted in an interview before the saucer show. "They are primarily concerned that we might use the moon for military purposes. They're warning us not to do that."

UFOLOGIST James W. Moseley said, "I'm convinced that these alien beings are using the moon as a UFO base. For centuries, we have seen strange, unexplainable lights on the moon."

Beckley believes that alien beings have affected our space program. Citing unpublished accounts of "strange lights" seen by virtually every astronaut, he said, "The beings want to show us that they mean busi-

ness. They are going to quarantine the earth until we learn to control our use of nuclear weapons."

Barbara Hudson, from New York City's Saucer News, stated: "I think we'd be allowed to land, but not stay too long."

Beckley says he has friends working in the National Aeronautics and Space Administration who have told of unexplained signals coming from certain NASA satellites, particularly the Mariner flights to Venus and Mars.

He also believes there is a "strong possibility" that there is a connection between UFOs and the 1967 ground fire which killed three Apollo astronauts.

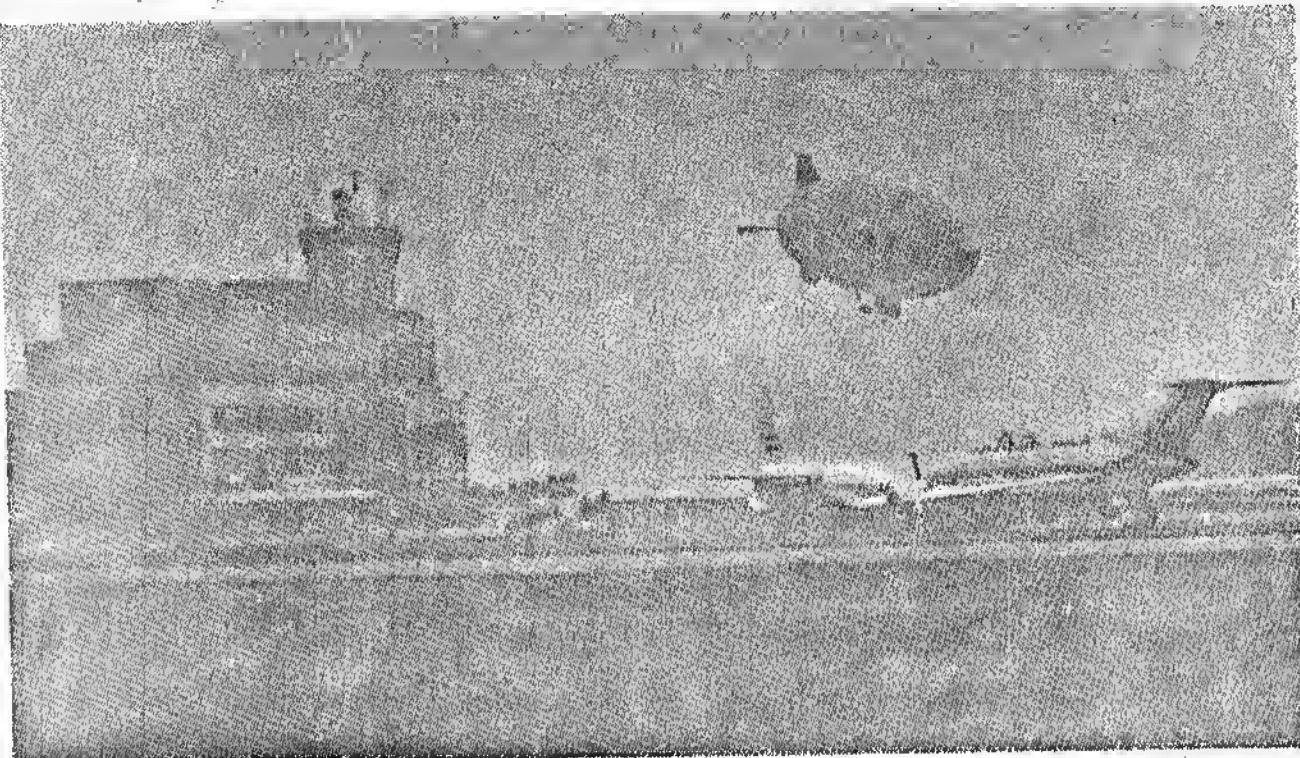
AT THE END of the three-hour program, a miniature flying saucer model was presented to Moseley for delivering the evening's best speech. Moseley spoke on the history of UFO study, which, he says, goes as far back as the Bible.

Serious ufologists will want to attend next year's convention, to be held in either Cleveland or Columbus. The meetings will be held late in June to commemorate the first major modern sighting of UFOs—June 24, 1947. On that day, a private plane pilot saw what he described as objects appearing like "saucers flying over a lake"—hence the name flying saucers. According to J. Ralph Jarrett, chairman of Saturday's meeting: "That day was the beginning of the modern era of flying saucers."

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Helium-Copter

A fat, slow aircraft floats over some lean, fast aircraft at Kanawha Airport Saturday evening. A 160-foot-long, five-ton advertising blimp coasted over the Kanawha Valley, then tied up at Kanawha Airport for the night. It is to leave this morning for Wheeling for that city's bicentennial. Among thousands who saw the blimp Saturday were two little sisters, Gretchen and Kristin Yeager, ages 8 and 7, of Colonial Way, who excitedly telephoned newsmen that they had seen a flying saucer. (Staff Photo)

In addition to newspaper coverage, the Sixth Congress received excellent radio and TV coverage. This included at least six news programs on WSAZ-TV, Huntington, W. Va.; two news programs on WTRF-TV, Wheeling, W. Va.; six news programs plus the Jackie Oblinger Show on WCWS-TV; special program on WOAY-TV, Oak Hill, W. Va.; half-hour special broadcast of Campus Comments program on WDTV, Weston, W. Va.; radio coverage on WCWS, Charleston; WTIP, Charleston. Among those appearing on these programs were Edward M. Biebel, Rick R. Hilberg, Ralph Jarrett, James W. Meseley, Allen H. Greenfield and Gray Barker.

A SUGGESTION BY JAMES W. MOSELEY

We are now into our Seventh Congress and throughout that time the Congress has remained the only viable instrument for uniting various UFO organizations. Now that the staying power and the firm establishment of the Congress as a permanent organization has been well demonstrated, I think it is time we take a logical step forward.

The Congress should obtain a Charter as a Non-Profit Organization for many obvious reasons. For example, the obtaining of gifts and foundation grants can be accomplished more easily by such a non profit corporation. Such donations and gifts are tax deductible. With such a corporation, liability cannot be extended to members. Such a corporate identity would also add prestige.

I suggest that members evaluate this suggestion between now and the next Congress so that it can be implemented or brought closer to implementation at that time. Perhaps some member who has an attorney friend who is interested in the UFO movement might ask him to donate his services in preparing such a charter.

Comments, for or against, are welcome.

I request that this be published in the Journal, and further, that extensions of these remarks, if any, be published in subsequent issues of the Journal. — James W. Moseley

A NOTE TO RALPH FANNING

Dear Ralph:

At the Congress, you showed me your letter to the editor of the Charleston Gazette, in answer to the "Intercepted Message" published on June 21 in that paper. Will you kindly forward a copy of this letter for inclusion in the Journal? Thank you, Gray Barker.

A REPORT ON THE COLUMBUS BID

At the Sixth Congress two bids were made for sponsorship of the Seventh Congress: Cleveland and Columbus. This matter will be decided in September by a special committee.

The bid from Columbus was offered by Kevin McCray, Director of The American Flying Saucer Investigating Committee. Subsequent to the formal bid from the other, Mr. McCray has submitted the following outline of capabilities for consideration by the committee. While members of the Congress not on the committee will not vote on the location of the next Congress, they may of course discuss this with committee members. On the following pages we represent Columbus' report:

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"COLUMBUS IN '70"
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SITE OF THE 1970 CONGRESS OF
SCIENTIFIC UFOLOGISTS, SEVENTH
ANNUAL CONVENTION.

PREPARED BY: KEVIN MCGRAY,
DIRECTOR OF A.F.S.I.C.

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THIS REPORT WAS PREPARED BY KEVIN McCRAY, DIRECTOR OF THE
AMERICAN FLYING SAUCER INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

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1. COLUMBUS DISPATCH
2. COLUMBUS CITIZEN JOURNAL
3. columbus spectator

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"COLUMBUS IN '70" Continued...,**P U B L I C I T Y : (TELEVISION)**

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4. WOSU-TV CHANNEL 34 (OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY)

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From the office of the president

Date March 12, 1969

TO: All Scientific Ufologists

REGARDING: PROJECT Will-O-the-Wisp

Project Will-O-the-Wisp is an undertaking of the Cleveland Aerial Phenomena Investigations Club (CAPIC) which is interested in gathering in further hard data and making it available to physical and social scientists and UFO investigators to aid them in further investigating cases that remain unidentified.

- 1.) That every ufologist participating in this project should go through his files, correspondence, library of books and magazines and any other material that he has available and select those cases which he feels are the best, which have a high degree of strangeness, that remain unidentified.
- 2.) That once a ufologist has selected unidentified cases that are more than just lights in the sky, that he transmit them with all available to CAPIC. (Please send even the most famous or "classic" cases, as duplication will be taken care of at this end.)
- 3.) That the CAPIC staff, after eliminating all duplication will from the available data compile a composite case of each sighting and that these will be; one, put into a specially prepared report form and two, that synopses will be written of each case.
- 4.) After completion of the case studies, the material will be assembled for publication and distribution. (Each person participating in the project will receive a copy of this report.)

It is my hope that this project will accomplish its goal of providing ufologists and scientists with much needed data on unidentified cases for further investigation and/or proof for the existence of UFOs. CAPIC also hopes that this project will inspire others to embark on ambitious, but attainable projects to gain other valuable data.

I hope that you will decide to participate in this endeavor and that you will write for further details.

Sincerely yours,

Edward M. Biebel
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President